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Hollywood Gives Stamp Collecting A Break

Cubans Demand Stamp Inquiry Farley's Folly Is Recalled By Gift Of Cuban Imperforates

By KENT B. STILES in New York Times.

According to reports received from Havana last week, David Joffo's recent presentation of imperforate sheets of Cuba's 1942 "For Democracy" series to President Roosevelt has created within Cuban philatelic ranks a demand for an official inquiry into the circumstances attending the printing of the stamps in imperforate condition. That

such stamps were run off the presses had never been announced. Cuba's collectors are asking how many such imperforate sheets exist and the Cuban Philatelic Society has requested the government to reissue the stamps in imperforate condition in order that they may be made available to collectors generally, so that fabulous prices will not become attached to the imperforate sheets already in private hands.

The situation recalls the Farley gift sheets in the United States in 1935, when the Post Office Department reissued certain stamps in imperforate condition for sale to collectors after James A. Farley, then Postmaster General, had presented some imperforate sheets to President Roosevelt, Secretary of the Interior Ickes and others, and collectors protested.

Mr. Joffo, formerly diplomatic and financial advisor to the King of Afghanistan and a lifelong stamp collector, suggested to the Cuban Government the issuing of the "For Democracy" series and forthcoming Anti-Fifth Columnist and Four Freedoms stamps. The "For Democracy" group, containing five denominations, was perforated in the normal way and placed on sale at postoffices. Subsequently the postal officials ran off two imperforate sheets of each of the five stamps. One set of five was given to Mr. Joffo in appreciation of the ideas he had suggested. The other set of five was entrusted to his care to be turned over to President Roosevelt as a gift from President Batista and Director of Posts Montalvo to symbolize their approval of President Roosevelt's democratic ideas.

White House Presentation

Mr. Joffo made the presentation at the White House on Columbus Day, together with Congressman Louis C. Rabaut, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The second set is still in Mr. Joffo's possession. Knowledge of the existence of such sheets reached the Cuban Philatelic Society. This organization has among its members some of Havana's foremost citizens, including several government officials. They take philately seriously, and, according to letters received from Havana last week, they feel that the Cuban Government's action in printing imperforate sheets for gift purposes is a reflection on Cuba's philatelic record. They are fearful that some of the imperforate sheets may eventually reach the hands of speculators, as happened with some of the Farley gift sheets, and so create artificial prices.

In response to an inquiry, Mr. Joffo said in New York last Thursday that he intends to donate, either to President Roosevelt's collection or to a museum, his entire collection, including the five imperforate sheets given to him in Cuba.

Mr. Farley has time and again publicly explained, with regard to his gift sheets, that he had them run off entirely innocently, not expecting the protests, some of which resounded in Congress. One sheet came onto the philatelic market, the holder asking \$35,000.

Likes The Hobby



When "The Postman Didn't Ring," she started something for Brenda Joyce, who was assigned the part of a stamp dealer in the philatelic movie. She liked the hobby so well, according to her press agent, that she started a collection of her own.

Popular Stamp Columnist Killed By Auto Speedster

By D. D. Livingston

William P. Campbell, 84, whose stamp column in the Vancouver (Wash.) Columbian hadn't missed a week for seven years, was killed in Portland, Oregon, October 28, in that city's fortieth traffic accident of the year. George W. Holmes, 54, driver of the car which struck and carried Campbell 64 feet, was held for negligent homicide. Campbell was A. P. S. member 153-88. His son, Herbert J. Campbell, owns the Columbian and also operates a syndicated liner service for other newspapers.

He has collected stamps for many years and was well known to philatelists across the nation. He was greatly interested in Indian affairs, and in his younger days had taught at redskin reservations.

Japan In Pennsylvania

Whether it has a post office or not, we do not know as the Postal Guide we have does not list an office of this name in Pennsylvania. The citizens contemplated changing the name when war came but since some of its boys are now putting up such a good record in bagging Japs, they have decided to let the name stand as a reminder of these facts.

A neighboring town, Yeddo also planned to change its name since this is the former name of Tokyo, but this though has also been abandoned.

-Joe Koschwanze*

for it. Finally pressure, from philatelists and others, became so insistent that the Post Office Department issued stocks of imperforates "in sufficient numbers to meet the request of all collectors." Within three months philately absorbed them to the amount of \$1,663,717.

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Film Actress Starts Collecting After Stamp Dealer Role—Buys Props Used In Stampic Picture

By D. D. LIVINGSTON

Brenda Joyce's role in the recent 20th Century-Fox picture, "The Postman Didn't Ring," cost her money.

Assigned to play the part of a stamp dealer, she got such an education in philately that she became a rabid devotee of the hobby, her studio's publicists say. On the completion of the picture, it is announced, she bought the albums and the Scott catalogue which served as props in the movie.

Miss Joyce was co-starred in the opus with Richard Travis, who gained film attention with his role in "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

It was her tenth major picture since 20th Century's offer of a movie contract interrupted her career as a professional model.

The plot of "The Postman Didn't Ring" centers about the delivery of a sack of mail found hidden half a century in the attic of a Guy Nineties train robber's home.

Postal Inspector Brennen (Stanley Andrews) is assigned to undertake the distribution of the letters to the addressees or their heirs. Julia Martin (Brenda Joyce), a stamp dealer, follows him on his tour in hopes of corralling some of the rarer stamps on the mail.

One of the ancient letters is a school principal's message to the parents of a student now governor of his state, requesting that he be disciplined for throwing spitballs in class.

Johnstown Cover Next

Another yellowed envelope is postmarked Johnstown, Pa., May 30, 1889. Inspector Brennen delivers it to a lonely teacher, Miss Helen Allen (Mary Servosa). Miss Allen, having kept a girl after school, is hearing the thwarted youth rave, "You're just a sour old maid. Just because you've never had any fun or romance, you can't stand to see others enjoy themselves!"

The letter interrupts the outburst. The teacher opens it sadly, then breaks into sobs as she reads its contents. Leaning over her shoulder, the pupil sees a note from Miss Allen's girlhood sweetheart, discussing plans for their marriage—plans doomed by the crashing waters of the Johnstown flood.

Miss Allen is no sour old maid. She's just a lady with a broken heart.

Last of the letters goes to Dan Carter (Richard Travis), owner of a small country store in Antelope, Utah, who spends the profits of the business on agricultural experiments in attempts to make the land more productive. Carter champions the poverty-stricken farmers of the community against the grasping Harwood Bank and Trust Co., which is withholding loans from the farmers in the hope of foreclosing on their lands.

His financial status is greatly improved when Julie pays him \$1500 for the old cover Brennen

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Axis Agent Posed As A Stamp Collector

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U. S.

1914 Black Proprietary Revenues

Single line watermark	Mint
3¢c Black	.03
5¢c Black	.25
5¢c Black	.03
5¢c Black	.50
1½¢c Black	.46
1½¢c Black	1.75
2½¢c Black	.86
3½¢c Black	6.50
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—D. D. Livingston.

Government Booklet On United States Stamps Is Now Being Reprinted

The Washington Bureau of the New York Sun has the following advice regarding a reissue of the book, "A Description of United States Postage Stamps."

Final proofs of the revised edition of the booklet "A Description of United States Postage Stamps," were sent to the Government Printing Office this week. It is expected that this publication will be placed on sale to the public on or before December 1.

This booklet will be the most complete and accurate in every particular of the several editions thus far released by the Post Office Department. A great deal of research work has been done in order that past errors might be corrected. The new edition will contain a description and illustration in black and white of approximately 647 United States postage stamps. It will cover all stamps issued, from the five and ten cent stamps of 1847 down to and including the last postage stamp issued—the five cent Chinese Stamp—which was placed on first day sale at Denver, Col., on July 7 last.

The price of the booklet will be 25 cents. It will be issued in paper binding only. All applications for it should be sent to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington D. C., and not to the Post Office Department. It will not be on sale at the Stamp Exhibition Room in the Department, as heretofore.

The booklet will contain a foreword by Postmaster-General Walker.

Here Is Your Opportunity To Help Crippled Children

Here is an opportunity for anyone who has a soft spot in their heart for little children. Miss Maibel Starrett, Manito, Illinois issues a small mimeographed paper called the Round Robin. This paper is sent to special schools and hospitals for Crippled Children. The publication is financed by the Society for Crippled Children, Elyria, Ohio, whose annual seals are second in interest only to the Christmas seals. Miss Starrett can use large numbers of any kinds of gummed labels and pictorial stickers for premiums and gifts to the little children who received the paper and who get a great bit of interest out of the seals and labels in their little collections so if you have a surplus quantity of any such items that you care to donate for such a good cause send them direct to Miss Starrett at Manito, Illinois.

ST. LOUIS NEWS

A member of the Mound City Stamp Club reports the find of a block of six of the 1½c Martha Washington, precanceled St. Louis imperforate vertically.

At the October 19th meeting of the Mound City Stamp Club, Ed. Vining, SPA Prexy, acted as auctioneer for the sale of 100 lots in a club auction.

P. W. Hangee a St. Louis collector edits a Sunday stamp column in the St. Louis-Globe-Democrat.

Reporters Wanted

Every reader of Linn's Weekly is invited to become a Star Reporter. Each month, to the reader who sends the largest number of news items, either clippings from papers or written notes, a handsome prize will be awarded along with recognition as the Star Reporter for the month. All items received from the first day to the last day of any month will be counted in that month. You are awarded a star for each single item sent, send as many as you can and get a star for each.

At the end of each month, suitable award will be made and your name, together with the next two on the list will be printed and your prize awarded. Let us have all the news from your city. A postal card will do. Get us the news about stamps and stamp collectors, either clippings or briefly written notes of your own observation.

U. S. AUCTION PRICES

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HUGH C. BARR, INC. AUCTION SALE held Sept. 23rd at 38 Park Row, N. Y. C. This was the first portion of the collection from the Estate of the late Col. E. H. R. Green. The Pan-Am. invert sold as follows: 1c, #294, centered to T, perfs clear, possibly reperf at L, O. G., fine, @ \$125. 2c, #295a, well cent. O. G., one perf missing at corner, @ \$700. 4c, #296a, cent. O. G., V. F., @ \$620. 4c inverted, overprinted "SPECIMEN" #296b, mint, with B. sheet margin and P#1145, perfs cut design slightly at B, @ \$135. In the 1903 issue, the 5c, #315, in an O. G., V. F. block of 4 (\$125), @ \$80. 5c, #317, coil pair, cent. trifle B., perfs clear, O. G., @ \$73. 1c, #318, coil pair, cent. T, clear, O. G., fine, @ \$42. 2c, #322, strip of 4, O. G., perfs touch at R, reinforced, @ \$42.50. 10c, #356, coil pair, O. G., fine, @ \$61; and a copy same, trifle off center with guide line, O. G., @ \$62. In the bluish paper issue of 1909, all cent. O. G. and V. F. unless otherwise specified: the 3c, #359, @ \$36; a block of 4 of same, possibly reperf at R, @ \$116. 4c, #360, fairly cent. O. G., tiny pin point in one perf, @ \$255. 5c, #361 (\$200), @ \$117.50. 6c, #362 (\$40), @ \$31.50. 8c, #363, perfs cut design at R, @ \$110. 10c, #364, faint trace of thin spot, @ \$23. 13c, #365 (\$100), @ \$77.50. Same block of 4, V. F., @ \$230. 15c, #366, @ \$29.50. Same in B. margin block of 9 with impt. and P#, O. G., V. F., lightly reinforced (\$520), @ \$250. 2c Lincoln, #369 (\$15), @ \$12.25. 15c, #382, O. G., V. F., block of 4 (\$27.50), @ \$14.75. 10c, #404, O. G., fine (\$40), @ \$23; and another copy described as fine, O. G., @ \$21. Same in a cent. block of 4, V. F. (\$200), @ \$116. 1\$. 1c, #423, O. G., V. F., block of 4 (\$100), @ \$48. Set of Perf 10, #424-435 (12), O. G. blocks of 4, V. F. (\$81.60), @ \$34.50. Similar set, #424-439 (15), O. G., V. F., (\$37.65), @ \$18. 30c, #439, O. G., V. F. blocks of 4 (\$50), @ \$21.50 and \$20.50 in two lots. 50c, #440, O. O., V. F. (\$30), @ \$17.75, 17.50 and \$14.75 in three lots. Same in block of 4, cent. O. G., V. F., (\$125), @ \$73. 3c, #445, O. G., V. F., pair (\$25), @ \$14. Same in strip of 4 with guide line, O. G., V. F., @ \$26. \$1, #460, O. G., V. F. (\$25), @ \$17.50. 20c, #476, O. G., V. F. (\$45), @ \$22.50; and another copy same, @ \$23.50. 50c, #477, O. G., V. F. block of 4, @ \$116. 1\$, #478, O. G., V. F. block of 4, @ \$88. 5c error, #482a, single and pair in full mint sheet of 400 with the 8 Pl. Nos., V. F. and, of course, unique (\$6,400), @ \$1,450. This was the high watermark of the sale. A set of Parcel Post, F. to V. F., O. G. (\$35.13), @ \$16. A 24c inverted center, #C3a, mint with straight edge at T, #5 in the sheet, fine and very rare, (\$4,500), @ \$1,750. The Zep set, #C13-C15, O. G., V. F., sold well @ \$33.50. Mr. Green's habit of buying entire collections to obtain one or a few choice stamps is illustrated in the fact that much of the material offered in all of the Green sales will not be superb or very fine.

LAURENCE AND STRYKER 119TH SALE, second part of the Col. E. H. R. Green collection, held Oct. 5-8th, at the Collectors Club, N. Y. C. A 5c, #28, V. F., horiz. pair on folded letter, St. Louis "10," over Cat. @ \$48. 5c, #28, two wide creases in paper before printing, tied on fine folded letter with red grid, Rochester, N. Y., over Cat. @ \$18. 5c blackish brown, #28, on folded letter with red Boston grid, over Cat. @ \$13. 10c, #47, superb, tied on fine folded letter with red grid, Rochester, N. Y., over Cat. @ \$45.50. 10c same, superb, tied on fine folded letter with red "St. Louis, Mo., 10," (\$45), over Cat. @ \$64. 30c, #33, V. F., tied on folded letter with red, rectangular, boxed "Aachen," also pmk. in black, "Too Late," to Prussia from N. Y., over Cat. @ \$88. 15c 1869, Type II, fine vert. pair tied on folded letter, N. Y.

to Holland (\$80) @ \$46. 2\$ Trans-Miss., #293, tied New York, on fine regis. cover to Hungary, @ \$64. A V. F., Hawaiian cover with both U. S. and Hawaiian stamps, with interesting markings, @ \$92.50. A Wells Fargo and Co. Expr. frank on V. F., U. S. entire #U40 with British Columbia, #9 tied with blue oval Wells Fargo and Co. Victoria to S. F., @ \$115. Another same with U. S. #69, 87 on #U41 with B. C. #5, addr. to Calif. and readdressed to England, many markings, @ \$50. A considerable number of Pacific Mail and Express covers, as well as many Eastern Locals were sold. Several copies of the 5c 1847 off cover sold at full Cat. or over where described as very fine. 10c, #29, with reg grid, V. F. (\$35), over Cat. @ \$38.50. 1c, Type II, #31, large sheet margin at R, with impt. and P#2, dated 1857, with town canc., superb, @ \$34. #32d in dark shade, good margins on 3 sides, V. F., used, @ \$5.50. Another copy, L. C., V. F., @ \$5.25. The same, recut once at top and twice at bottom, with good margins, V. F., @ \$7.10. Same in red Carrier, very pretty and over Cat. @ \$14.60. The appetite for stamps of any kind may be illustrated by the fact that a lot of 14 diff. 1c-90c, #32d-78 (\$225) sold @ \$45; while a similar lot from #32d-119, all with defects (\$165.75) brought \$40. Further mention should be made of the fact that the 3c, #33, in small lots with "Paid," town, date, or U. S. Mail canc., sold nearly three times catalog, @ \$11. The cancellations on this lot were not special and all stamps were very fine. A 3c orange-brown with big margins and a small Boston Paid, described as superb, used @ \$0.25. A pair of same on piece to Paris, France, over Cat. @ \$6. #34, with good margins, L. C., V. F. (\$40), @ \$39; and another, nearly as fine but with a slight crease, @ \$32.50. A third copy with excellent margins, used, @ \$38. Two other copies sold @ 25 and \$30. 10c, #35a, with oversize margins, grid canc., corner crease, V. F. (\$7.50), @ \$8. Same stamp in Type III, #35b, with town canc., used on piece (\$8), @ \$12.25. Another copy, V. F., with town canc., @ full Cat. 12c black with fine margins, light town canc., superb (\$17.50), @ \$23.50. Another similar copy with blue grid canc., @ \$26. The 1c, #42b, recut at top, L. C., fine, (\$22.50), @ \$15. 5c brick-red, perfs touch at left, slight scissors clipped top, very pretty and fine (\$50), @ \$35. 5c orange-brown, #48, cent. and O. G., V. F. (\$12), @ \$11.50. 10c Ty. III, #50, cent. red grid, V. F., used (\$9), @ \$8.25. 10c August, red grid, pretty and V. F., used \$40, @ \$30.50. 5c buff, #67, cent. two perfs touch, red grid, V. F., used, (\$35), @ \$37. 30c, #71, cent. slightly R, O. G., V. F. (\$17.50), @ \$20. 6c, #115, cent. T, slight thin in grill, blue Cincinnati, pretty and fine, used (\$7.50), @ \$7.25. 10c, #116, cent. L. C., V. F. (\$5), @ \$7. 10c same, canc. with cross, fresh and V. F., @ \$12.50. 30c, #121, used, V. F. (\$10), over Cat. @ \$15. The 50c Columbian, #240, O. G., V. F. (\$10), near Cat. @ \$8.90. The \$2 Columbian block of 4 with New York Reg. canc., V. F. (\$175), @ \$101. \$4 Columbian, #244, cent. O. G., gum disturbed, V. F. (\$55), @ \$39. In the 1894 Trans-Miss. issue, many stamps including the dollar values, with defects in paper, gum, or centering, brought last year's prices for very fine copies. The inverted Pan-Americans offered, limited to the 1 and 4c, O. G., considerably off center and the 4c with stain, sold @ \$103 and \$225 respectively. #317 in two lots in strips of 4, O. G., @ \$90. Government coils sold unusually well throughout as has been noted in the last few sales. The Private Performances of the International Machine Co. and the Brinkerhoff, in most instances sold over Cat. which brought surprise and chagrin to a number of prospective buyers. Most of the Mail-o-meter issues sold from two-thirds to three-fourths of Cat. The sale concluded with a few booklet panes, Special Deliveries, Departments Revenues and Locals.

AIR MAIL COVERS

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FLASH: Cincinnati, Ohio, was scheduled to be embraced on AM-2 on November 1st. Details will be in a later issue.

Paducah, Kentucky, will have an airport dedication on Sunday, November 8th. Covers should be sent at once to Donald E. Dickson, Lone Oak Road, Route Six, Paducah, Ky. While this notice may appear too late for most collectors to get out covers, nevertheless there may be some near this point who can get covers out in time.

The dedication of Dayton Airport, scheduled for early October, has been postponed until either Nov. 1st or Nov. 8th. Dedication collectors who still want to take a chance and send out covers should send them to S. H. Sunstic, Sr., 4241 Cleveland Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Through an error, mention was made in this column of October 22nd of the LaGrande, Oreg., airport dedication being postponed. This dedication did take place as scheduled on October 11. There were 626 covers mailed, all of which bear the circular rubber stamp cachet.

Airmail service between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Huron, S. D. (AM-35), was suspended by the order of the Civil Aeronautics Board from October 6th to October 20th. It is probable that Inland Airlines, owners of this route, have resumed service by this date.

After being without airmail service for several years, Macon, Ga., was recently reestablished as a stop on AM-10.

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 13th in the Crown Hotel, 44th Street, New York City. All airmail cover collectors in the vicinity are invited to attend.

Thanks for news to Maurice S. Petty, Gus Lancaster, and the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club Bulletin.

LAGERLOEF SWEDEN
H. R. Harmer, New York Stamp Auction house advise that the collection of Sweden of Colonel Hans Lagerloef brought approximately \$10,000 at their recent auction.

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The first items to be prepared will be several different types and styles of 8½x11 inch size pages punched for three ring binders. These will be offered as the "THREE RING LINE" of album pages. Eventually I expect to have available about a dozen different styles of pages.

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Censorship Export Permit Is Now Needed For Stamp Imports; No Import Permits Are Needed

The October number of the "Trade Letter" sent by the Scott Publications, Inc., of New York to stamp dealers, has a complete statement of the rules and regulations governing the Export and Import of stamps by dealers and collectors and for the guidance of those who have enjoyed a foreign exchange we take the liberty of reprinting the matter for your convenience.

In order to secure a permit, it is first necessary to write to the Office of Censorship, Philatelic Control Unit, New York, N. Y. requesting that the necessary application blanks be sent to you. This request can be sent on a postal card, and under any circumstances do not send return postage as this is unnecessary.

You will immediately be sent an application for permit to dispatch postage stamps or other philatelic material to points outside of the United States (with the exception of territory occupied or controlled by the military, naval or police forces of the enemy).

In this application, you are required to estimate the average number of shipments that you expect to make per month; the type of philatelic material to be exported; the principal countries to which shipments will be made; and the names and addresses of principal agents or correspondents abroad.

In addition to this, you will be required to sign a declaration stating that no person except yourself or a person for whose loyalty and integrity you can vouch will be employed in packing or addressing or dispatching shipments under the permit; that you will not accept for mailing packages already made up for shipment from anyone not in possession of a permit; and in other ways that you will guard against the shipping of any material which may be of assistance to the enemy.

On this same blank you are required to enter the names and addresses, present nationality, date of naturalization, the years in the United States and the age of every member of the firm and also a complete list of employees or associates who are of enemy alien nationality.

Further, you will be required to supply signature specimens of every one in your organization who is authorized to sign philatelic export certificates.

Upon receipt of these blanks properly executed, the Philatelic Control Unit will consider the question of granting you the necessary permit. This permit becomes operative immediately upon issuance after you have complied with the foregoing provisions and under it shipments can be made for six months unless previously cancelled.

Instructions are issued to holders of permits for the dispatch of philatelic material and the provisions are, briefly, as follows:

The permit does not authorize the dispatch of philatelic material to enemy territory or territory barred by censorship regulations;

the permit does not preclude the necessity of obtaining licenses when required by other departments; the shipments must be properly packed, in accordance with postal requirements, and each package must contain the censorship permit number which has been issued to you. In addition to this, a Philatelic Export Certificate setting forth the contents of each shipment and the estimated value thereof must be prepared duplicate. One is sent to the Philatelic Control Unit in New York when shipment goes forward and the other is enclosed with the shipment. A special blank is provided for those desiring it, although any regular invoice that sets forth the same information is acceptable. After having complied with these regulations, the package is dispatched in the usual manner.

Unless these regulations are carefully and completely followed, no shipment will be permitted to leave the United States. Any violation may cause the cancellation of the permit.

So any dealers who desire to export stamps should immediately

get these necessary blanks and execute them without delay. It is a very simple matter, and once they have been filed you continue to carry on your normal exporting activities to the approved nations.

The licensing as above outlined refers only to shipments sent out of this country.

NO PERMITS OF ANY KIND ARE NECESSARY TO IMPORT STAMPS.

A Philatelic Advisory Committee has been appointed to assist the Philatelic Control Unit in solving problems that may develop. This committee consists of the following members: Sidney F. Barrett, past president of the American Stamp Dealers Association; Emil Brueching, president of the American Stamp Dealers Association; Hugh M. Clark, publisher of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, and H. L. Lindquist, chairman of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs and publisher of STAMPS.

The Office of Censorship also has in its employ a number of competent philatelists who will see to it that all philatelic mail is handled promptly and efficiently.

It is very gratifying that our government agencies have recognized the importance of philately by setting up this permit system, for otherwise the importation and exportation of stamps would probably have been discontinued entirely for the duration.

Any inquiries that may arise should be sent directly to the Philatelic Control Unit, Office of Censorship, 244 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

DETROIT NEWS

By Don R. Heath

The Committee of the S. P. A. Convention met in final session October 20th, and all reports were handed in. The main item, the finances, were found to be in the black, which made all breathe easier, especially as the Convention was held this year with several very dubious conditions to surmount and being very short of help in putting things over.

The writer imagines that Horace Hartwell, the chairman, now sleeps much better that this is past history. It is even being hinted around to incorporate him to run conventions, as this the second one he has headed in Detroit within the last five years, both being a financial success.

The Detroit Philatelic Society was entertained last Wednesday evening October 21st at the home of Robert Locke. As expected (and hoped for) the main exhibit at the dinner was Bob's bean pot, for which he is famous, and the result was "bottoms up." Coming from Freyburg, Maine, naturally he should know his beans, as well as his 2 cent Columbians.

Twenty-three members, are now enrolled in the rejuvenated Wayne Stamp Society, four more coming in at the last meeting at the St. Clair Community House on October 22. The next meeting will be held Thursday November 12th at that location, and there is a rumor around that there will be doughnuts and coffee.

"Bill" Fratcher has sold out! After any number of annual "Closing Out Sales" it is said that at last he signed on the dotted line. Whether this deal constituted a complete sale it has not been determined definitely, but we rath-



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Calling OHIO

Hoping that it will be possible to publish a new Part II catalog next year and to be ready if such is the case, a call has gone out to all OHIO collectors to check their OHIO collections and report to C. E. Reed 1240 Virginia Ave., Lakewood, O. the unlisted varieties they might have in the 1922-37 issues including commemoratives of that period. It is estimated that there are about 5000 unlisted varieties with the 7900 that are listed this issue alone will make quite a showing though I don't think it will total the California figures. Adding the old issues and the Presidents with the Defense items I don't think it will fall far short. Mr. Reed does not want you to send your unlisted items first. Write him what you have and if he has not already listed or seem the item he will ask you then to send it. Help us make a good OHIO showing.

Catalog Number.

Following the procedure as in the case of the Defense issue the catalog makers give the WIN The War stamp the number of 673. If there appears a series of Win The War stamps with the low fractionals appearing, the 1/2c will have to take 669 and the 1 1/2c 671. This is not in accordance with the rest of the issues in relation to the ending digits. The 1/2c is 0, 1c is 1, and the 1 1/2c is 2, making the 3c end in a 4. To me whether a 2c item has a last digit of 3, 2 or 7 makes no difference but there are those collectors who like to see things consistent and I don't think it would hurt anything to be so. Numbers have been changed as in the case of the 3c Stuarts and 4c Tafts and nothing happened but too much of that sort of thing won't help matters any. We hope there won't need to be any changes though. We gleaned the food for this item from the October Optimist.

New Series Of Patriotic Envelopes From Capitol Stamp Co., Is Available

Eight handsome envelopes in three color printing are at hand from the Capitol Stamp Company of Des Moines, Iowa. These are a most interesting and attractive set, each design being distinctive and different and they rank with the finest and most attractive of the Patriotic Envelopes that it has been our privilege to see. These new envelopes are evidence of new thought and new ideas coming into the business and will cause other publishers to take stock of the designs they have been offering. Collectors who want something new and distinctive will find these envelopes offered in our columns this week.

Speaking of patriotic envelopes, a letter just at hand from Mr. Jacques Minkus, manager of Gimbel's Stamp Department and publisher of the Gimbel Patriotic envelopes, says that although their new envelopes with paper to match have only been on sale for about ten weeks, that they have already had orders for over five million and that the sixth million is now being produced.

Who is there to say that Patriotic Envelopes are not going to be a prominent thing in future stamp collections.

The Cosmos Stamp Company have just issued an illustrated catalogue for their 49th auction sale to be held November 14th. Copies can be had by addressing them at 116 Nassau Street, New York.

We suspect that Bill has a barrel of stamps hidden in his cellar yet. Many a good story could be written about the proprietor of the Michigan Stamp and Coin Company, and probably will some day.

Northern California Clubs Combine To Hold Big November Exhibit

The Second Annual Exhibition of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies will be held at Berkeley, California, Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, 1942.

Spacious quarters are available at the I. O. O. F. Temple, Bancroft Way and Fulton Street, and while it is too early to give the number of frames for the show, space will provide for 400 frames, 4 album pages to the frame.

An interesting system of judging has been adopted. Each judge acts individually, keeping score sheets which are then averaged, the sheets being on the following basis:

Knowledge of Subject Displayed, 40 points.

Presentation and Neatness, 30 points.

Condition, 10 points.

Completeness of Subject, 15 points.

Rarity, 5 points.

At the one exhibit at which this system has been used, the judges arrived at the same awards, solution.

The Council is composed of the following collectors organizations: Benicia Philatelic Society, Benicia; Berkeley Philatelic Society, Berkeley; California Collectors Club, San Francisco; California Philatelic Society, San Francisco; Oakland Philatelic Society, Oakland; Golden Gate Precancel Society; Peninsular Collectors Guild, San Jose Philatelic Society, and Prarie Valley Precancel Bronx, all of San Jose, Sacramento Stamp Club, Sacramento; Stockton Stamp Club, Stockton; San Benito County Stamp Club, Hollister; Penny Black Stamp Club, San Francisco-Pacific Philatelic Society, and West Coast Air Mail Society, of San Francisco.

The exhibition committee for the council consists of Henry Chaloner, Chairman, Berkeley; L. C. Stearns, Harry E. Gray; Elmer Robertson, Jr., Oakland; L. W. Brewster and C. R. Thompson, San Francisco. Members of the Berkeley Society on the special committee are President Henry A. Hussey, Miss Sophia H. Levy, Roy Hill, L. A. Goetz, E. W. Trall, and Charles A. McKeown.

Entries to the exhibition are limited to collectors who are members of clubs which belong to the Council.

Appropriate awards are being donated by dealers and philatelic organizations.

Harmer Sale Of The Lee Collection Of Uruguay Sets New Auction Record

New York, October 29—The famous Grand Prix "Lee" collection of the stamps of Uruguay which was sold by H. R. Harmer in East 57th Street Monday and Tuesday realized the unexpectedly high sum of \$30,800. This is an auction record for the stamps of one South American country only. A superb block of 4 of the first issue 80 centavos realized \$2,000 and the famous "Ferrer" block of Brazil, the property of Colonel Hans Logerlof was sold as a single lot and brought what was considered a large figure \$5,650. This is the first time in 15 of the same value sold for \$7,100, the highest price ever obtained for one lot of a South American stamp in New York.

Yesterday a few other South American stamps from the same collection realized \$4,400, making a "Lee" total of \$35,200. After the completion of the "Lee" sale the well-known Gold Medal collection of Brazil, the first time in the history of Stamp Collecting that a single large collection has been sold as one lot and a special art catalogue of 16 pages issued with seven pages of photographs. Several of the greatest South American collectors were represented by their agents and one well-known collector made a special journey from Montevideo solely for this auction.

It looks to be that in South America money is more plentiful than it used to be.

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AP OPEN LETTER TO WALTER SCOTT

We copy this line purposely from the October 28 issue of Western Stamp Collector in which Prescott Holden Thorp takes Walter S. Scott to task for his lack of publicity in the handling and sale of the Green collections.

We too have noted this great lack of publicity both in the newspapers of America as well as in the philatelic press. With a figure so colorful as the Son of the famous Hetty Green, a good newspaper publicity man would have had feature stories in the magazine sections of newspapers in all parts of the country.

A matter of \$5000 to \$10,000 spent in publicity would have been returned several fold in increased prices and in creation of new buyers of the Green stamps. Perhaps the sale has been handled wrong. Splitting it up has been done may make each dealer handling some of the "crumbs" feel, "well, why should I spend money to exploit the stamps for other auction houses?" Certainly a definite take from each sale should have been set aside for general publicity, else the entire sale in the hands of one house could have been publicized to the fullest extent.

We can quite agree with Mr. Thorpe in his general remarks, but our complaint is a bit different, for prior to any of the sales, at the time when the only publicity we saw about the stamps was in a single eastern stamp paper, we did address a letter to Mr. Scott asking that information and publicity be given our paper for publication and not even a reply came to that letter.

New York Auction Dealers or New York Stamp Dealers or New York Stamp Collectors who take the attitude that New York is the only place in which they need to put publicity are making a very serious mistake. 'Tis true, we saw many items in one paper, but does anyone expect that any self respecting publisher is going to copy matter of this nature after it has once been printed in the philatelic press. It is high time that those who have publicity to issue learn the ethics of the publishing business and give the Philatelic Press an even break.

No great stamp collector of recent years has ever had the background for publicity that is offered by Colonel Green. Surely the stamp trade is losing a most wonderful opportunity to interest millions of American newspaper readers in this hobby we call stamp collecting. A flat assessment of 1% of the sale total on each of the auctions, for general publicity purposes, with pictures, news releases etc. would come back to the Estate quickly in increased prices and purchases by new recruits.

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A LABOR OF LOVE MAY BE CURTAILED

For many months we have been fortunate in being able to print a review of prices realized on choice stamps at the leading auctions of America. This has been possible because of the work of Dr. W. L. Babcock, of Detroit. It has long been evident to us that this work on the part of Dr. Babcock was a "Labor of Love" on his part for it must be a tremendous job to review the many sales that he has covered in his notes and the notes themselves are sufficient evidence that Dr. Babcock has worked with much in the way of reference material and files on past sales for his comments on prices of various items are such that it is necessary that one has a heap of reference material.

There have been so many notable sales in the past few weeks that the task has been increasingly difficult and no other stamp publication has provided its readers with so much of a review of prices realized at these sales as has been printed in the columns of this publication.

We have copy now for one or two weeks more, since it has been impossible to use this copy as fast as it has come in the past few weeks.

We make the above explanation due to the fact that we have word that Dr. Babcock is seriously ill and at least for the time being, no further copy of this nature can be prepared. We are sure our readers will wish him a speedy recovery in order that he may carry on this splendid work which he has inaugurated.

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All this explanation to tell you that a single line in a letter now at hand says "I rather like the new form of the News, now that I am getting used to it." Then the letter continues and this letter is from one of the last of the great American Philatelists of the years around and before the turn of the century. None other than Hiram E. Deats.

To the average collector today, this name is unknown, yet when your Editor started collecting stamps, there were few collectors in America better known and none more respected than Hiram E. Deats.

In his days, he was a shining light in American Philately, he

was known best for his many fine collections including vast holdings of Confederate Locals, superb lots of proofs, one of the finest collections of Canadian Revenues of that time and many other things. In addition, he possessed as fine a philatelic Library as any collector could wish for and doubtless he now views with interest the attempts that are being made to create an interest in the literature of our hobby.

Yes sir, when a man like Hiram E. Deats gets pleasure from reading our publication, we feel well repaid for our humble efforts.

MARINE POSTER STAMPS

We have previously referred to the beautiful set of poster stamps that come from the United States Marine Corps and we are again advising any collector who wants a set of these most handsome patriotic labels to send a stamped addressed envelope to A. W. Bending 311 Mt. Royal Blvd., Etna, Pa., and mention Linn's.

There are six labels in the set and all are tops in any collection of Patriotic labels.

Program For Meeting In San Francisco Shows Array Of Local Talent

The joint meeting planned in celebration of International Philatelic Week by the California Collectors Club and the California Philatelic Society, is one that should prove to mark a high spot in stamp club meetings. There is to be a small display of about 40 frames of choice stamps and the list of speakers whose names and subjects are given below will as you can note from the subjects, tie up with the stamps on display. In this manner the attendants may view the stamps and then enjoy a talk on the various issues by the collectors who have prepared the frames. This is a novel and worth while thought and should create interest in each subject.

The meeting is to be at Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco on Thursday evening, November 12 and collectors in the service are especially invited.

Following is the program of talks, after which Philatelic Notables will be introduced.

Roy Hill, Regional Representative of National Federation of Stamp Clubs, "Organized Philately."

M. H. Poehlmann, President, California Philatelic Society, "Meaning of International Philatelic Week."

Wm. G. Wilson, "Origin of the Postal System."

Cyrus R. Thompson, President, California Collectors' Club, "Stampless Covers."

Roy Hill, "Numismatic Philately."

Elsie Lohbrunner, Recording Secretary, California Collectors' Club, "Interesting Facts of U. S. Stamps."

There will be an exhibit of about 36 frames of stamps of the United States, Bureau Prints, Cut Squares, Stampless Covers, Used Blocks; South Sea Islands, Greenland, Music in Stamps, Swiss Pro-Juventutes, Austrian Semi-Postals, and Numismatic Stamps.

This will be a San Francisco activity in connection with International Philatelic Week to serve as a preliminary to the Second Annual Stamp Exhibit of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies at Berkeley, November 14th and 15th. Visitors are invited to attend this program as guests of the two clubs.

Airport Opening Postponed

The opening of the new Airport at Huntsville, Ala., has been postponed, but may come on short notice. Covers for first flight, ready to go may be sent to John C. Standard, P. O. Box 404, Huntsville, Ala., who will service same gratis for Linn's readers. Please give philatelic franking and fully prepay your mailings.

—John D. Standard*

Stamp Night At USO

John Less, director of the USO Club connected with the YMCA in Savannah, Ga., writes, "We are getting swamped with Stamp Weeklies, but the more the merrier, for there are a number of soldiers who do like to look through them and I am thinking of having a stamp night here, possibly once a week."

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Ogden Hill Stamp Club Host To The 1942 Stapex South Side Chicago Show

The Ogden Hill Stamp Club of Chicago will be hosts of the 1942 Stapex which is a combined show and bourse of five South Side Chicago clubs. Instead of having separate shows, the Roosevelt Philatelic Society, The Beverly Hills Stamp Club, The Hamilton Park Stamp Club, The South Chicago Stamp Club and the Ogden Hill stamp club band together each year in order to put on a combined exhibit. This year's joint effort is under the sponsorship of the Ogden Hill Club and Mr. Arthur Kniper of that club is general chairman. He reports that entries for over three hundred frames have already been received.

The exhibit will be held on November 14th and 15th, 1942 at the K. P. Lodge Hall, Cor. 65th and Marshfield avenue, a feature eagerly being looked forward to is the bourse under the chairmanship of Mr. Edward Harlan. Bourse space will be at a premium but a few selected spots are still available. Any one interested can contact Mr. Harlan at 5307 S. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago. The Stapex group is the only group in Chicago that has an annual exhibit and bourse as a group.

A feature of the two day show will be regional meetings by the Chicago S. P. A. group, The Jack Knight Airmail Society and the Polonus Philatelic Society. The last two groups will have a number of frames on display depicting the history of their respective organizations. Another display which will be viewed with interest will be the frames depicting the requirements for a Boy Scout merit badge for stamp collecting. The Stapex Cup will be awarded the member club having the best exhibit and there will be ribbon awards for individual exhibits. The judging will be on the open field basis.

Davy Jones' Christmas Will Be Biggest Since The First World War

An associated Press dispatch out of Washington, dated October 24th, quotes the Army Postal service as saying that 4,986 sacks of United States mail bound for American armed forces in the British Isles had been lost in the sinking of a United Nations cargo ship.

Much of the shipment was parcel post and represented one of the first parcel shipments of Christmas mail.

The war department said that the lost mail was deposited in the United States during the later part of September. Mails reaching the New York port of debarkation Army postoffice later than October 3 were not included in this particular shipment.

All this vast quantity of mail, most of it doubtless Christmas parcels for the boys abroad has gone to Davy Jones' Locker and the old man of the sea will thus have a bigger Christmas than ever before. Persons who sent parcels that would fit in with the dates mentioned above would do well to repeat their sendings and keep faith with the boys abroad. While November 1, has been named as deadlines to insure delivery by Christmas, just remember, "better late than none at all."

Gordon O. Boothroyd*

Prettiest Collector



If, as a studio release says, Brenda Joyce took up stamp collecting after making "The Postman Didn't Ring," she would have a good chance for the title, "Most Beautiful Stamp Collector." Richard Travis seems to think so in this picture of the two stars of the film.

PACIFIC WAR ZONE STAMPS INTERESTING

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delivers. More good luck comes to him when he finds that the letter is from his grandfather to the late Dan Carter Sr., and contains the controlling shares of stock in the Harwood bank.

Dan takes over the management of the firm and lends money freely to hard-pressed farmers. But the ousted Harwood clan counters with a lawsuit claiming the stock is forged.

Carter is unable to prove that the stock actually was mailed to his father fifty years before, because the cover was sold to Julie.

Julie learns of Dan's predicament when the trial makes headlines throughout the country. She persuades the postal inspector to return with her to Antelope, and together they clear Carter of the charge.

Love Triumphs

The pretty philatelist realizes she loves the young agriculturist. He loves her, too; so the picture ends happily in their marriage.

Screen play for T. P. D. R. was by Mortimer Braus, from an original story he wrote in collaboration with Leon Ware. Harold Shuster directed.

The picture has completed first-run engagements and is now at second-run theaters. Stamp collectors will especially enjoy seeing it because it is relatively free from the technical errors common in movies involving philately, and because it is about the best break Hollywood has ever given stamp collecting.

In the usual movie characterizations, university professors are either fossil-hunters or butterfly-chasers, undertakers always resemble something out of Edgar Allan Poe's writings, and stamp collectors invariably are wealthy old uncles who are more than a little batty.

"The Postman Didn't Ring" doesn't follow a standard formula, but gives an understanding presentation of the benefits of the hobby. And with lovely Brenda Joyce portraying an enthusiastic philatelist, who could say that stamp collecting does not get a sympathetic treatment?

Oakland Friend Boosts Linn's

Harry E. Gray who runs what he calls "The Stamp Lounge" at 419 Fourteenth St., in Oakland, Calif., sends a letter with a check for 14 subscriptions and says: "Last night during our auction sale, we gave a spool on the good philatelic work you are doing by producing a 25 cent stamp magazine, something the hobby really needs. Enclosed find check for \$3.50 with fourteen addresses for years subscriptions to Linn's."

A very commendable effort and a display of reciprocity that will benefit everyone concerned. More acts of this nature are recommended.

HOLLYWOOD GIVES STAMP COLLECTING A BREAK

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James R. Arnold for Postal Meters; 2nd to John Y. Pennypacker for "History of Metered Mail;" 3rd to Althea Harvey for "Four Meter Menus."

Airmails:—1st to J. J. Kleemann, Jr., for "Pioneer Flights;" 2nd to Louise S. Davis for "Rouen Airmails;" 3rd to John Weiss for Trans-Pacific Pioneer flights.

Souvenir Sheets:—1st to Charles T. Schmitt for South and Central American souvenir sheets.

Special Collections:—1st to H. E. Radasch for Early British Covers; 2nd to Julian Blanchard "Similarity of designs on Stamps and Paper Money;" 3rd to Louise D. Larimore for "Stamps with perforated initials."

War Covers:—1st to Rev. William H. Tower for his general collection of war covers from 1634 thru the present war.

General Collections:—1st to Col. Hans Lagerloef for his exhibit from the countries of the Pacific War Zone; the same exhibit which took the popular award trophy.

In the Special Section for Clubs and Societies the following awards were made:—1st to West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc., for "A representative selection of pages from the collections of members;" 2nd to the American Guide Line Society for "An Educational Exhibit of United States Guide Lines;" 3rd to New York Precancel Stamp Club for "Pre-cancels of the 1926 Liberty Bell Stamp."

Honorable Mention went to the following:

VanDyk MacBride for his Con federate States.

Dr. George Camnitzer for his Great Britain.

Daniel F. deBeixdon for his South Pacific Countries.

Alex P. Watts for his Switzerland.

Dr. Alexander Moering for Austria.

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George Van Bergen for Marine Corps and Submarine Covers.

George W. LeGlise for U. S. National Christmas Seals.

The committee announced at the meeting of the Essex Stamp Club on Monday that the show would realize a profit of upwards of \$200. for the four service organizations for whose benefit the profits were pledged, viz; The U. S. O.; the Army Relief Fund; the Navy Relief Fund; and the Red Cross. As soon as receivables are collected and all bills are paid a detailed statement of the results of the show will be sent to all exhibitors.

SALE OF McGAY COLLECTION FEATURE

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1700 lots, profusely illustrated. It is needless for us to call attention to some of the outstanding items in the McGay collection, for Mr. Gerber does that in an advertisement in this issue of Linn's and doubtless the several choice items mentioned will be a revelation even to those who have seen some of this excellent collection in the past.

As a further example of what is to come, Mr. Gerber says that his December sale is to be one of the finest he has ever had. Asking for a catalogue of the McGay sale will doubtless put you in the list for this sale also.

Holds Annual Banquet
The Collector's Club of Baltimore, Inc., held its annual banquet and election of officers at the Johns Hopkins University Club on Monday, October 18, 1942.

The officers for the year 1942-43 are: President, Mrs. Dorothy McEntee; Vice President, Edwin S. Altrieth; Secretary, Miss Ann Lindsay; Treasurer, Elwood B. Horst; Librarian, Hamilton A. Hooper.

Philately Is Growing In Importance, Says Byrnes In The Hartford Courant

There are ever multiplying indications that philately is growing in importance and that it is being more widely recognized among the population in general. Whereas, even a few years ago, it was not uncommon to meet people who had never heard of stamp collecting as an adult hobby, there are few today who do not realize that many hard headed business men, professional men, and political and social leaders are philatelists and therefore there must be something to it besides child's play. Collectors are themselves responsible for this recognition of philately. They have braved the laughter of the non-appreciative in order to bring the hobby to the fore in the various avenues of publicity, and through incessant appeals to government heads to give it the blessing of their approval by publicity co-operating with collectors. During the past few years government cooperation with collectors has been considerably stepped up and while collectors' requests and inquiries are still in the "nuisance" class with some officials this attitude is being fast replaced with one of complete cooperation. This is true of many other governments besides our own, and, while in times like these certain of collectors' interests must be sacrificed in the interest of national defense (such as importation and exportation restrictions), in general the collectors' chances of being heard are today greater than at any time in the past.

France And Colonies Group Discuss The Early French Dues

By Stephen G. Rich

The France & Colonies Group had an exhibit and talk by Mr. Raoul Lessor of New York, on the Early Postage Due Issues of France, at its next meeting, Thursday November 5th 1942. The meeting was held at the Fifth avenue Philatelic Center, ninth floor, 505 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y. Anyone interested in French stamps is invited to future meets.

The France & Colonies Group publishes a club journal, France & Colonies Philatelist, 4 pages, every alternate month. The September published issue, dated August 1942, contains a detailed and illustrated study of the varieties of the Sower type issue of France, the work of David M. Bull, together with similar work on the Peace Type issues of that country.

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done politics in the stamp society that would like to speak out for the several hundred stamp collectors of the United States. (Note, there is a difference of opinion as to the totals as between the former Postmaster General's publicity and knowledge had by folks in and about the field).

The careful—or even casual—reading of the Convention Minutes, as printed, should convince you that obviously all the convention had on its mind was the politics in the Society. The fact than one man, not a habitual convention-goer, a bona-fide amateur collector, spoke freely on the subject of "too-much-politics" says something to other habitual non-convention-attending members. It is important to notice the lack of rebuttal, to the members' accusations of the over-stressing of politics.

The member was—politely ignored, snubbed carefully by the Cleveland crowd. Another member "arose to speak" (several times) in the style of the "membership application blank" deeming it unfair to a dealer applicant.

It seems the Membership Committee (in this society the Board of Vice Presidents) aims to carefully check on dealer applicants. The Convention was, somehow, not up to its mettle in this debate, on a thing of vital importance to the members. IF THE Society is ever to attain the hoped-for spokesmanship for American Philately. Anyway, why should ANY dealer object to "filling a report" in applying for membership? The same should apply to collector members. There has been, in the past, too much stress paid on THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NAMES.

New members are lost, not so much because the Society is not promoting philately" with its \$100,000. fund, but because application blanks are foisted on immature collectors, or juniors (in point of hobby development). These collectors are not appreciative of the Society's effort (in constitution and by laws, at least). Some "new members" drop out because of lack of interest in anything beyond the current stamps, as issued, plus First Day or First Flight Covers. The facts are clear there are many persons who collect "the new stamps," plus those of a few years back, plus the covers noted. When these join the Society they find the Brookman stories on 10 cent 1847s just so much space wasted, and "historical stories"—bosh, say they; as do even some of us who like this sort of thing in a stamp paper. However, if the official organ is not quite satisfactory to all, why cavil at that? Every editor knows he dare NOT attempt to please every reader!

By the way, you comment on the One Hundred thousand dollars in hand, and maybe you can inform your readers when and how the Society acquired War Bonds?

There really is "nothing much wrong" with the Society that a little common sense OPERATION will not cure. Compel the Cleveland Crowd to step out of the picture. Induce every "old" officer to refuse the current nomination and start the ball rolling again. But, can you really expect some practical-minded man to assume the job? It is unlikely. Most members are not political minded in their stamp society affiliations. That may be their correct attitude. I find no fault with that. Most hobbyists go about their business, not even reading the Linn Editorials, or waxing enthusiastic over other philatelic polemics. (There is no need to mention Prescott Thorp, Stephen G. Rich, the Dr. Green of Mekeels, Rev. Ragatz, etc., or IS IT NECESSARY?) (Some of us think they are, in the main, WORDY NON-ESSENTIALS, some of the time.)

To get the members attention in the operation of the Society—that IS the question. It can not come through the monthly official organ; it can not come through letters by officials, or through public comment in Linn's Weekly. If the stamp collector en masse on the roster, is not political-minded that fact must be recognized and the LEADERS should lean backwards in "running the

society." Creating and continuing the Cleveland Crowd is not the correct policy. Few of the side-liners who observe, without public comment, have any violent dislike for any individual in the Cleveland Crowd.

The point is the Cleveland Crowd have been picking and unpicking all the officers for over 24 years. Their results: Membership of almost 5,000 and a bankroll of considerable proportions.

Why not "go to town" with this membership and ITS money? Why not issue more handbooks—why not create an A. P. S. Book Shelf? Print up booklets on "all sorts of stamp subjects"—just like publishers in other fields? Offer these to members AT COST—and create interest in stamps among the members on the roster. Cover every phase of philately, and that means the very last First Day or First Flight, as well as the intricacies of the paper-making for the American Bank Note stamp papers. (Keep the official organ as a society bulletin.)

First, let's hope every candidate NOW NOMINATED withdraws. Next, let's see to it that the practical thought of the Society is towards Philatelic Promotion NOT CONSERVING OFFICES NOW HELD.

And, above all—WHAT ABOUT WAR SAVINGS BONDS? If the Board has been lax here, if it has forgotten this obligation to its membership AND THE UNITED STATES, something should be done at once. The Board can buy up to at least 25 per cent of its cash holdings AT ONCE, and ask the NEXT CONVENTION TO RATIFY its action. Or, if the Board prefers to buy now, IN THE NAME of the Society out of a pool to be formed by members, no doubt this CAN BE DONE. It is to be supposed these Bonds will, in due time, be acquired BY THE SOCIETY FUNDS.

Plus this—a central headquarters, for all activities could be devised if the politicians will forget their personal desires to hold and to create officers.

yours,
Name withheld by request.

2413 Fidelity Phila. Trust Bldg.,
October 19, 1942
Philadelphia, Pa.,

George W. Linn, Editor,
Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
Sidney, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Linn:
With reference to the article of Mary Krakora regarding "United States Stamp On Cover From Australia" appearing on page 3 of your last weeks issue, I have five covers bearing U. S. stamps mailed in foreign countries which were brought about at follows:

During 1940 an accounting firm sent verifications of a client's customer accounts located in foreign countries accompanied by self addressed return envelopes bearing five cent U. S. Presidential stamps. Two of the envelopes came back with the U. S. stamps cancelled respectively by a postmark from Johannesburg So. Africa and a postmark from some where in Holland with no other stamps attached. Another returned with the U. S. stamp uncancelled with two blue Greek stamps attached and cancelled by a postmark not decipherable. The fourth one returned from Cairo, Egypt with a 20 mille Egyptian stamp along side of the U. S. stamp and both cancelled.

In addition to the above, during 1941, a return envelope bearing two and three cent U. S. Presidential stamps came back cancelled by the famous Canadian Code V. . . cancellation and bearing the postmark of Montreal P. Q. dated Dec. 6, 1941.

It is quite possible that the cover of Mary Krakora was originally mailed in the U. S. under another cover as a self addressed and stamped return envelope similar to the ones I have.

I would like to hear from anyone having U. S. stamps bearing Code V cancellation.

Yours very truly,
James H. Wygant

Mr. George W. Linn,
Sidney, Ohio.
My Dear Mr. Linn:

Some one sent a clipping from your paper of October 8th entitled "How New York Siddoo Commit-

tee of Twenty Three Johnted Martin out of the Presidential Nomination." And I wish to go on record right here to say that any one that would publish such an article, anyone that had the courage and backbone to do so, gets my support. I am therefore inclosing twenty five cents for the subscription.

Having seen so much politics in the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, (SEPAD) I am in a position to know something about the aforesaid politics in stamp clubs. Given time, politics will ruin any stamp club or any philatelic organization. I've seen it happen, so I know.

I also take off my hat to the Gentleman who wrote you the letter, that makes twice, as I have already removed it for you! If we had more such fearless editors, philately might go ahead as such, and not as some would have it, politics, and those that want to be the GREAT I AM'S. Workers for Philately are needed, those that will push the hobby, "The Hobby of Kings and the King of Hobbies," and not those that want to hold office and give perfectly honest men that are deserving the honor, the old "Run around".... There is too darn much underhanded work and the pulling of strings in philately.

My Compliments to you Sir,
Most sincerely.
Marjorie Varner Wamsley
(Mrs. Robert H. Wamsley)
Member board of governor of
SEPAD.

CLEVELAND NEWS

Lambert W. Gerber, one of the up and coming younger auction dealers of Tamaqua, Penna., will sell the fine collection of Dr. N. P. McGay of Cleveland in a November sale in New York City.

The House of Farnam located in the Swetland Building, in Cleveland, will inaugurate a series of mail and floor bidding auctions in November.

Several choice lots of stamps from recent Green Sales have been shown about Cleveland recently by the proud buyers.

The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio, has one of the finest Philatelic Libraries in the world. Collectors who have duplicate material or material they wish to dispose of would find no better place for it than to donate it to this Society.

Floyd Kniskern and Erwin Strasser are the two newest members of the Cleveland Cover Club, both enthusiastic cover fans.

Sigmon Comienski and Edmund Nadowdny, both members of the Cleveland Cover Club are now in the service.

Ray V. Klippstein has been named Chairman for the Annual Party of the Cleveland Stamp Club, to be held in January.

At the November 10th meeting of the Cleveland Stamp Club Homer Landis will talk on U. S. Revenues and Mrs. Hazel Tonne will talk on Canada #157 (Wheat). At the same meeting Leo Zeller will show some movies taken at Club picnics, also some philatelic movies and comics.

At a dinner meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club at Kornman's Restaurant on November 13th, Don Lybarger, next president of the A. P. S. will give a talk on stamps.

VICTORY POSTMARKS

There is a town in Kentucky, one in Vermont and one in Wisconsin, named "Victory." Postmarks can be had from these towns by enclosing a stamped addressed envelope inside a letter to the postmaster in these towns with request to cancel the stamp and mail the envelope. We note a reference to these Victory towns in the Sunday Star, Washington.

Stamp Collector Would Have Known The Answers

Clarence Swanson of Chicago writes to say that a stamp collector would have fared much better if he should have had a crack at the \$75 question on the Dr. I. Q. Quiz program last week in which the biography of Simon Bolivar was featured. The contestant who had the question was totally in the dark until the first name of Bolivar was mentioned and got but \$10.00 out of the pot.

Likewise says Mr. Swanson a stamp collector would have garnered a handful of five dollar bills on another question in the program where the names of the Capitals of each South American country was given and you name the country. The contestant in this instance named but one out of the lot. Any real Philatelist would have collected five dollars on every city named by the Doctor.

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The canalization of the Ohio River, to give "nine feet of water, Pittsburgh to Cairo", was begun in 1875 and completed in 1929. There was considerable agitation for a series of stamps to commemorate the event, but a 2c one was finally issued. It attempts in a tiny space to portray a steamboat being put through one of the locks on

the river, but is a very unattractive stamp. Turned upside down it looks about as much like an elevated train, as was said at the time. Now it could almost be said to portray one of the new streamline trains, when viewed in the same manner.

The 2c—Lock and Dam—appeared on October 19, 1929, flat plate, perf. 11, no wmk., in carmine rose, carmine, bright carmine and lake, with no known minor varieties except an unimportant one on 90-LR of plate 20005. The engraving is taken from photograph of Lock No. 5 on the Monongahela River.

32,680,900 of the stamps were issued, from plates 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841 and 20005. It is interesting to note that plate 20005 was prepared especially to print stamps for sale to collectors at the Agency, but to the relief of philately in general a careful checking of the plate showed but the one variety mentioned above.

First day covers, dated October 19th, are from Cairo, Ill., Cincinnati, O., Evansville, Ind., Homestead, Pa., Louisville Ky., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wheeling W. Va., a scattering that kept collectors busy for some time. The stamps were put on sale at the Agency on October 21st.

Defense Stamps Printed On Cellophane Are Found

P. B. Digby, editor of a stamp column in one of the Pittsburgh newspapers reports the finding of a new cellophane variety of the Defense Stamps. When stamps are printed from rolls on the big rotary presses at Washington, a breaking of the paper makes it necessary to paste the sheets together to again get it going through the presses, also when putting on a fresh roll, the paper is pasted to the tail end of the roll that has been in the press and started through so that the entire roll will not have to be rethreaded through the intricate machine. This same process is followed on large newspapers where roll news print is used.

Heretofore it has been the custom to lap the paper and paste it together. When this portion comes out printed, the sheets are supposed to be torn up and destroyed. Sometimes these are overlooked and we have what are known as stamps on double paper. The new way at the Bureau is to tape the sheets together with scotch tape, that sticky cellophane product that defies you to remove it when stuck down.

It now appears that some stamps printed over this scotch tape have been found and the article by Mr. Digby pictures a block of the 1c and a block of the 3c Defense in which scotch tape covers the upper half of the two top stamps and has been printed with the stamp design.

We have seen air mail labels on this cellulose product which stand soaking and washing in water and still retain their colors. We hope that the use of scotch tape for postage stamps does not become a habit with the department.

—Richard Cotter*

Talk On Semi-Postal Issues

Mrs. Anna V. Elkins, popular Brooklyn philatelist, and member of various philatelic clubs in Metropolitan area, will be guest speaker at the All-Boro Collectors Club, on Thursday evening, November 12th. Meeting will be held in Park's Colonial Room, 881 Sixth avenue, New York City.

Mrs. Elkins will exhibit and talk on her collection of semi-postal issues.

Collectors in the vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

Harmer, Cooke Offer A Unique Souvenir Of Col. Green Collection

The catalogue of the sixth sale of the Green stamps by Harmer, Cooke and Company, at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York is wholly in keeping with the beautifully prepared and printed catalogues that have made Harmer, Cooke catalogues interesting to examine. That this firm well knows that good goods should be displayed in fine packages is evident from this latest catalogue of the sixth Green sale. The beautifully typographed cover, set in that most beautiful of all type faces, the Caslon series of type, with tastefully selected border and other ornamentation, then printed on green cover stock as any Green sale should be a piece of typography that every printer can admire and it is certain to make a strong appeal to anyone who has a love for the artistic.

It would be impossible to describe the fine items in a sale of this nature without reprinting a goodly portion of the catalogue, so those who are interested will have to obtain their catalogue to see the more than 1900 lots of choice stamps offered in every way from superb singles even unto collections in albums. Truly, such sales offer opportunities that specialists should not fail to take advantage of. There are several pages of illustrations of the more choice items and again there are copies of the 1c and 4c Pan-American invert, till one would be led to believe that Col. Green must have been trying to corner the market on these items.

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Thursday Night Bourse Is Active Stamp Mart

The Stamp Dealers Bourse in New York City goes merrily along these days and the average attendance at the meeting every Thursday night is 40 dealers from the Metropolitan area. Out of town dealers are invited to attend the meetings at the Hotel Times Square on West 43rd Street corner of 8th Avenue on the Mezzanine floor.

Trading is usually brisk and plenty of buyers for the better grade of material such as mint and used Jubilee sets, Coronations, European material especially wanted.

Each member has his own table where he displays his stamps and buying, selling and trading goes on for the balance of the meeting as there are no interruptions or any kind of speeches, etc. Many a good contact is made for important deals.

OHLMAN UP IN AIR

Friends of Max Ohlman, veteran New York Auction dealer and proprietor of the Ohlman Galleries, are offering their congratulations since his son Maxwell Jr., has become a part of America's Air Forces.

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